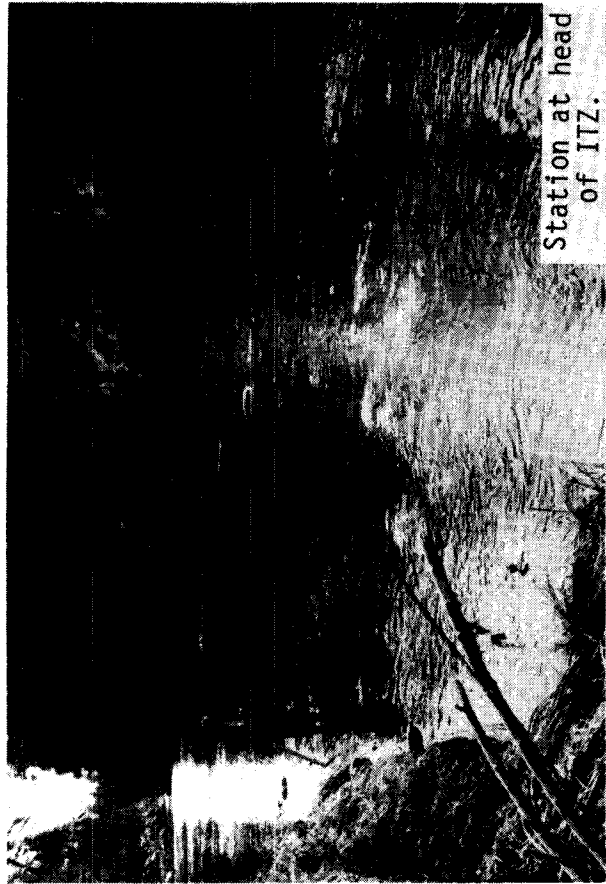


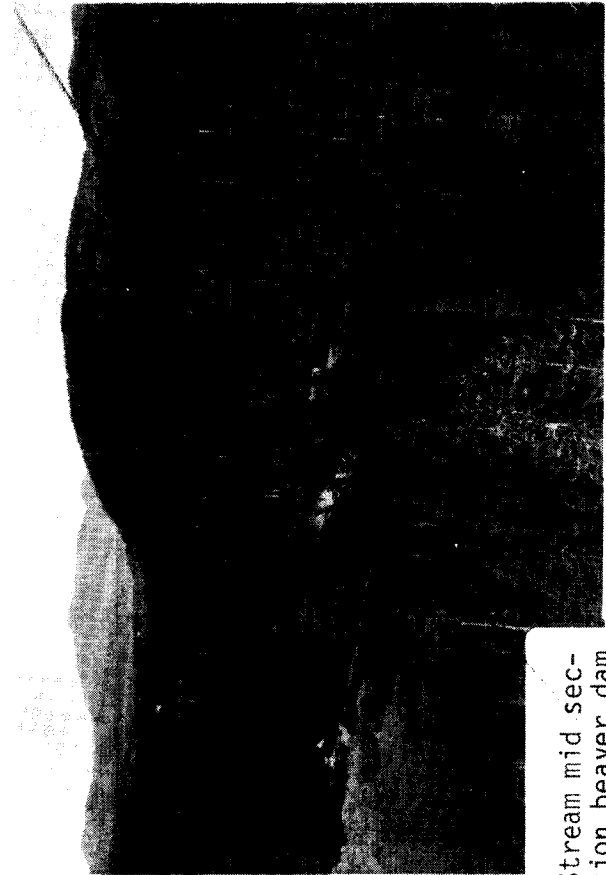


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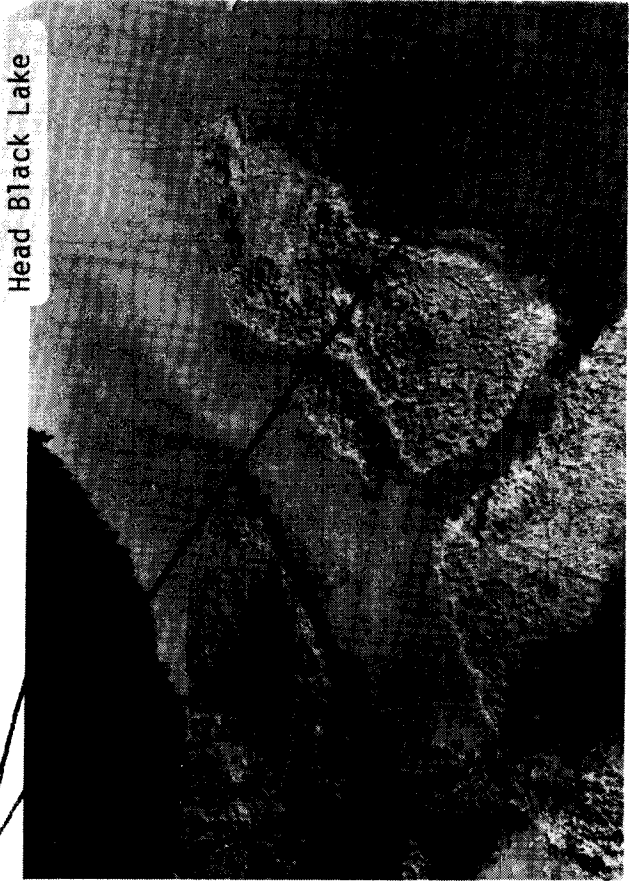


Station at head of ITZ.

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Stream mid section beaver dam



Head Black Lake

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Name: Steelhead Creek  
Latitude: 55°38' ~~N~~ 05"  
Longitude: 132°57'28"  
Geodetic Map No: Craig C-3  
Location: north shore of Big Salt Lake,  
1.4 mi west of Head Creek and its lakes  
and tributaries

Catalog No: 103-60-29  
Former Stream No: WC 43; previous no. 52;  
ADF no. 176; FWS no. 18A  
Work Area: Ketchikan  
Watershed Length: 16 miles (2 forks)  
Drainage Area: 28 sq miles  
Water Supply Type: runoff from low  
forested hills and scattered muskegs

Trails & Survey Routes: the lower stream section has large areas of deep sluggish  
water that are difficult to walk around; the streambed in the upper areas is easily  
walked during normal water levels

Aerial Survey Notes: fair visibility

Anchorage: near the southern entrance of Big Salt Lake, access to the bay is by small  
skiff only

Tide Stage when Surveyed: 1/2

### RESOURCES

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (species, escapement, timing, spawning area):  
pink, chum and coho; good rearing in the pools throughout the stream; salmon begin spawn-  
ing in mid August; peak escapement 350,000 pinks 10/9/45, 19,600 chum 8/21/48, 650 coho  
9/28/44.

Spawning area: 31,911 meters<sup>2</sup> (6,000'x65'x65% ASA)+(4,000'x50'x45% ASA)

Schooling Areas: a long deep pool in the upper intertidal section and several large  
pools in the lower stream

Spawning Areas: the upper intertidal and that section below the 1 mile point

SHELLFISH POTENTIAL: softshell clams in the area

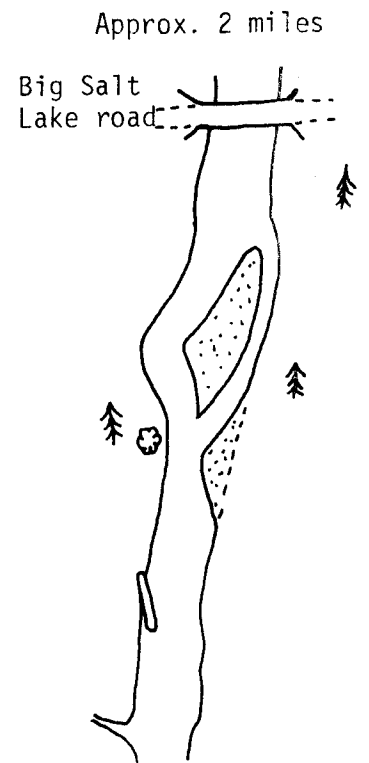
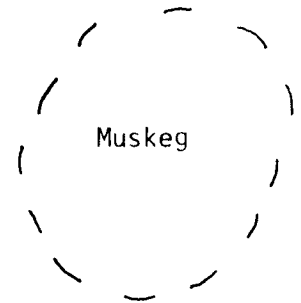
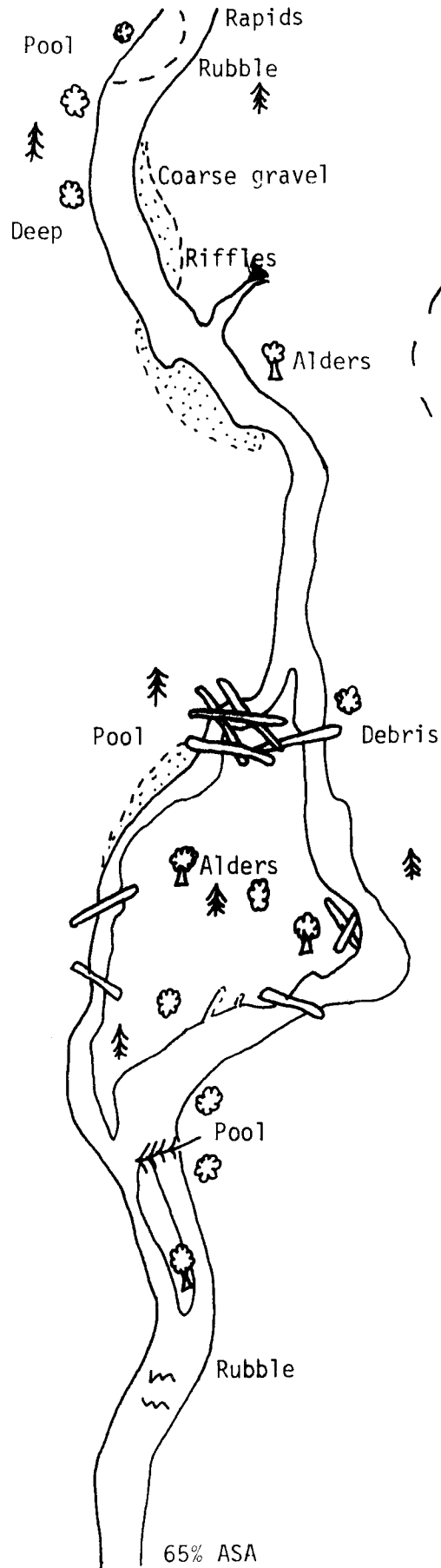
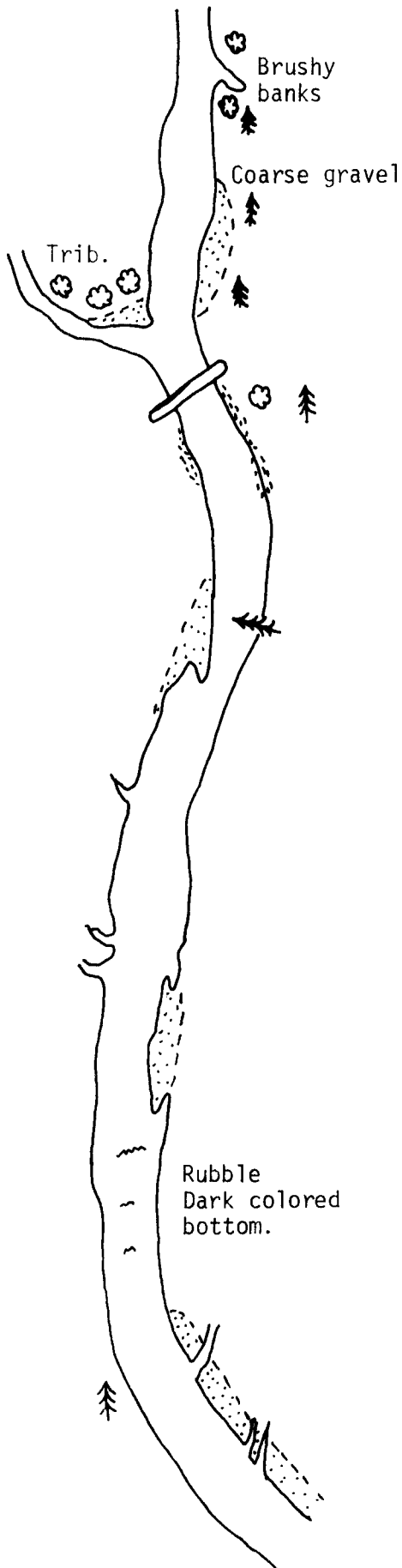
SPORT FISHERIES: reportedly has significant numbers of steelhead, Dolly Varden and  
cutthroat trout as well as a sizable coho population

LAND USE (history, present, proposed): possible old logging show on lower stream;  
lower stream may have changed course to follow the old skid road; Big Salt Lake Road  
connecting Thorne Bay and Craig crosses the creek approximately 2 miles from the mouth

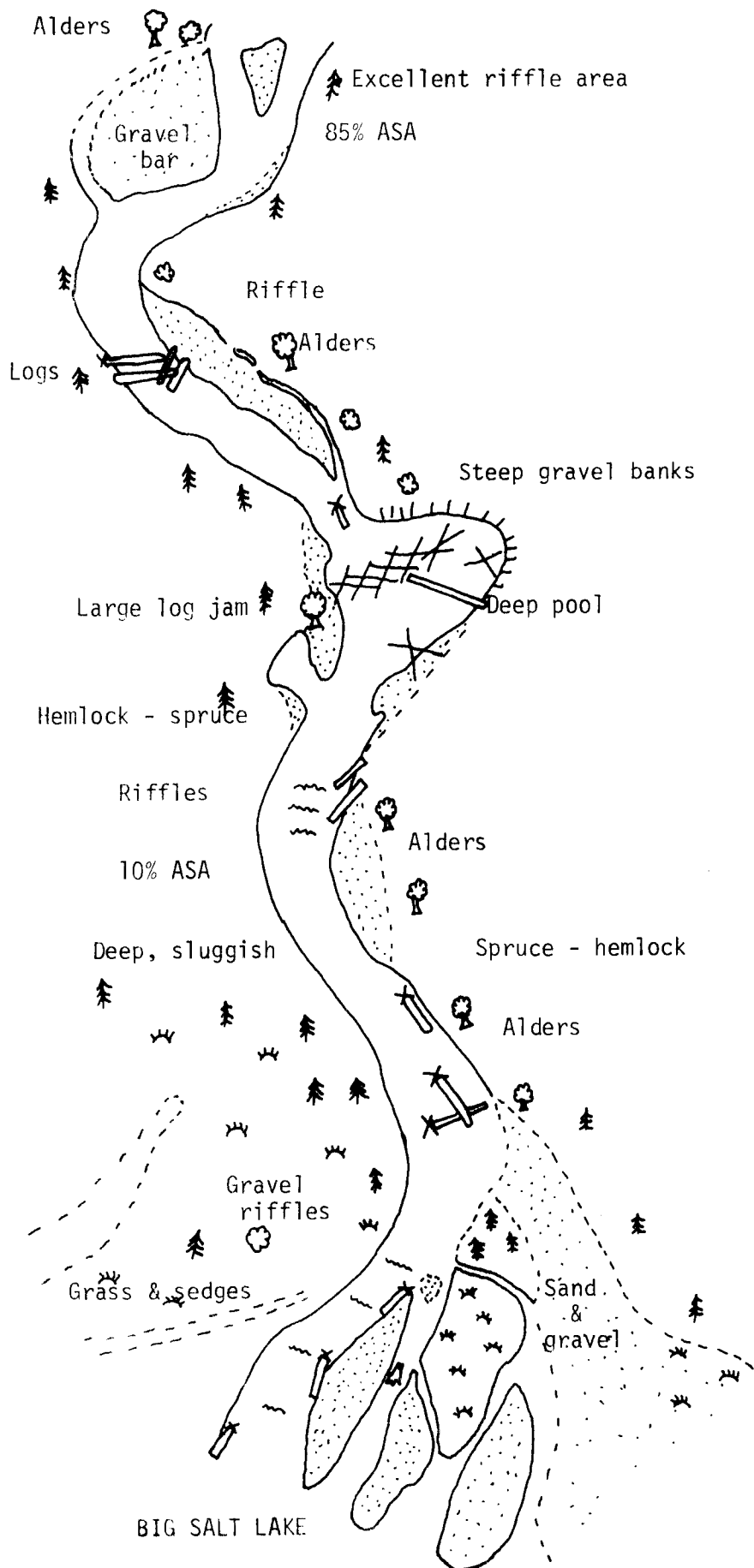
REHABILITATION POTENTIAL: none needed

SOILS: generally stable, large log jam in lower stream above high tide area

GAME RESOURCES (species, use, habitat): area is utilized by deer, bear, wolves  
and is an important area for ducks and geese in the spring and fall

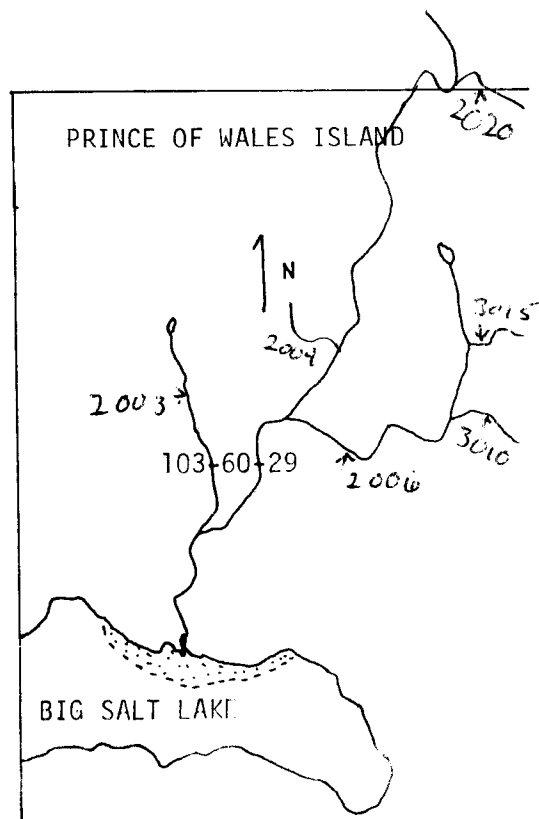


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Spawning area to bridge  
main fork only:

23,550	6,000'x65'x65% ASA
8,361	4,000'x50'x45% ASA
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31,911	meters



Steelhead Creek.  
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